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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 12-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 were previously withdrawn from consideration and are cancelled. Claims 13-15 stand rejected and are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 12, 19, and 20 are allowable, and 16-18 are objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. The objected claims have been rewritten in independent form to place them in condition for allowance.

Nothing herein should be deemed as acquiescence in any rejection or waiver of arguments not expressed herein.

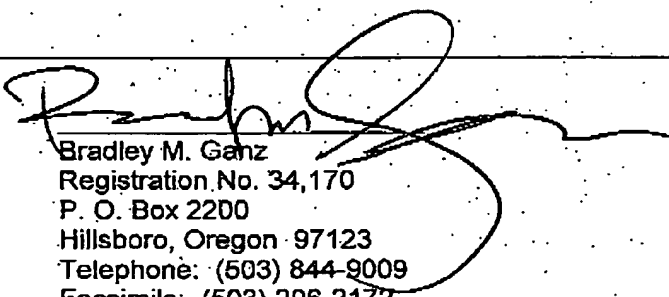
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that in view of the foregoing remarks, the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant understands that no fees are due at this time. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, additional fees, or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1001.

Respectfully submitted,

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